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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to References AA to DJ listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449. Copies of the references are included herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." as an alternative, Applicants submit herewith several pages of a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed due for the filing of this information disclosure statement, since it is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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